

U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness

Promotes and coordinates Executive Branch activities to assist homeless persons.

Nature of Program: The U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness is an independent establishment in the Executive Branch, consisting of 19 federal Cabinet secretaries and agency heads, and the positions of chairperson and vice chairperson rotate among the agencies on an annual basis.

The Council works with its partners to: establish and maintain effective, coordinated and supportive relationships with every agency; organize and support states and communities to effectively implement local plans to end homelessness; develop an effective portal to federal programs and initiatives; monitor, evaluate, and recommend improvements in serving those experiencing homelessness and disseminate best practices; and provide professional and technical assistance to states, local governments, and other public and private nonprofit organizations.

Legal Authority: Title II of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11311 *et seq.*), as amended by the Act to Prevent Mortgage Foreclosures and Enhance Mortgage Credit Availability Act (Public Law 111-22).). Division B of this new law is the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH Act).

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On the Web: www.usich.gov

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